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invest anything, from what I read in the bill, in terms of a dollar amount. It's strictly a free boondoggle. Don't talk about Senator Byrd and call him the king of pork from West Virginia, or Virginia, wherever he comes from. (Laugh) "Pandora" is messing with me. This is a bill which I think, in the interest of shielding the taxpayers, should not be enacted. If these plants cannot make it, why should they be guaranteed this kind of money? I was very upset with Senator Wehrbein's milk compact bill because of the impact on the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...public, who would be the consumers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock, on AM1560 to the committee amendments to LB 536. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers, I'm a little more optimistic than you are. My crystal ball tells me that is we build more ethanol plants there's going to be made...more profit made in the agricultural sector, and that will help the General Fund of...and so we'll have more money for the Appropriations Committee to give out in the future. So I think we have a bright future in ethanol in this state. I know Congressman Osborne thinks we should triple ethanol production in this state, and the demand in California will be such I think we need to do that. So I don't share your doom and gloom. I think we have a very positive industry here and certainly if we...I don't know what people are going to burn in their automobiles when oil gets shorter, but ethanol certainly is a good alternative. I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Open for discussion on...Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock is not paying attention. Senator Schrock, put on your thinking cap and listen and think. First of all, ethanol is not generating a profit now. Ethanol needs a